

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 follows. The listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A mount comprising:
an elongated body having a longitudinal axis;
a curtain interface positioned at a top surface of the body;
a coupler adapted for coupling the elongated body to a mounting member, the mounting member having a longitudinal axis, the coupler including an interface adapted to receive the mounting member, a coupling position of the coupler being adjustable over a range of positions relative to the longitudinal axis of the body, the coupler including a guide mechanism that limits rotation of the body relative to the mounting member to a single degree of rotation, permitting the longitudinal axis of the body to rotate relative to the mounting member in a common rotational plane; and
the mounting member comprising an adjustable-length pole, the body being rotatable relative to the mounting member, the mounting member including a compression mechanism along ~~the~~ longitudinal axis thereof, the mounting member being of a sufficient length to be fixed between a first surface of a room and a second surface of the room, the compression mechanism configured to urge the curtain interface toward one of the first surface and the second surface of the room when under compression between the first and second surfaces of the room to retain the mounting member and body in a fixed position relative to the first and second surfaces of the room.
2. (Original) The mount of claim 1 wherein the curtain interface comprises a compressible material.
3. (Previously Presented) The mount of claim 2 wherein the compressible material is one selected from the group of materials consisting of foam, polyurethane foam, extruded vinyl, and rubber strips.

4. (Original) The mount of claim 1 wherein the body comprises a rail.
5. (Original) The mount of claim 4 wherein the rail includes a U-shaped slot and wherein the curtain interface is mounted in the slot.
6. (Original) The mount of claim 4 wherein the rail comprises an extrusion.
7. (Previously Presented) The mount of claim 1 wherein the coupler is removably mountable to the body.
8. (Original) The mount of claim 7 wherein the coupler further includes quick-release arms that engage a feature on the body for removably mounting the coupler to the body.
9. (Original) The mount of claim 1 wherein the position of the coupler on the body can be adjusted variably.
10. (Original) The mount of claim 1 wherein the position of the coupler is determined according to indexed positions on the body.
11. (Previously Presented) The mount of claim 1 wherein the interface of the coupler is adapted to receive the mounting member.
12. (Previously Presented) The mount of claim 11 wherein the coupler includes one of a ball and a socket joint for receiving a corresponding one of a socket and a ball joint of the mounting member.
13. (Previously Presented) The mount of claim 12 wherein the guide mechanism of the coupler further includes a retainer for preventing lateral rotation of the body relative to the mounting member.

14. (Previously Presented) The mount of claim 13 wherein the ball joint of the mounting member further includes a flange having a flat surface for interfacing with the retainers for preventing horizontal pivot of the body about the mounting member.

15. (Original) The mount of claim 1 wherein a length of the body is substantially greater than a width of the body.

16. (Original) The mount of claim 15 wherein the length of the body is at least 1 ft.

17. – 19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) A mounting system comprising:

an adjustable-length pole, the pole including a compression mechanism to allow for compression along a longitudinal axis thereof;

an elongated body having a longitudinal axis;

a curtain interface positioned at a top surface of the body; and

a coupler for rotatably coupling the pole to the body, the coupler including quick-release handles operatively coupled with retention tabs that engage the body for removably mounting the coupler to the body, and a guide mechanism that prevents horizontal pivot and lateral rotation of the body relative to the pole, while permitting longitudinal rotation of the body relative to the pole,

wherein the adjustable-length pole is of a sufficient length to be fixed between a first surface of a room and a second surface of the room, the compression mechanism configured to urge the curtain interface toward one of the first surface and the second surface of the room when under compression between the first and second surfaces of the room to retain the adjustable-length pole and body in a fixed position relative to the first and second surfaces of the room.

21. (Previously Presented) The mounting system of claim 20 wherein the coupler rotatably couples the pole to the body such that the longitudinal axis of pole is parallel to, or lies in, a rotational plane of the longitudinal axis of the body.

22. (Original) The mounting system of claim 20 wherein the coupler removably couples the pole to the body.
23. (Original) The mounting system of claim 20 wherein the curtain interface comprises a compressible material.
24. (Original) The mounting system of claim 23 wherein the compressible material is one selected from the group of materials consisting of foam, polyurethane foam, extruded vinyl, and rubber strips.
25. (Original) The mounting system of claim 20 wherein the body comprises a rail.
26. (Original) The mounting system of claim 25 wherein the rail includes a U-shaped slot and wherein the curtain interface is mounted in the slot.
27. (Original) The mounting system of claim 25 wherein the rail comprises an extrusion.
28. (Original) The mounting system of claim 20 wherein the coupler is removably mountable to the body.
29. (Original) The mounting system of claim 28 wherein the coupler further includes quick-release arms that engage a feature on the body for removably mounting the coupler to the body.
30. (Original) The mounting system of claim 20 wherein the position of the coupler is adjustable relative to the longitudinal axis of the body.
31. (Original) The mounting system of claim 30 wherein the position of the coupler on the body can be adjusted variably.
32. (Original) The mounting system of claim 30 wherein the position of the coupler is determined according to indexed positions on the body.

33. (Original) The mounting system of claim 20 wherein the coupler includes a socket for receiving a ball joint of the pole.

34. (Original) The mounting system of claim 33 wherein the coupler further includes a retainer for preventing lateral rotation of the body relative to the pole.

35. (Previously Presented) The mounting system of claim 34 wherein the ball joint of the pole further includes a flange having a flat surface for interfacing with the retainers for preventing horizontal pivot of the body about the pole.

36. (Original) The mounting system of claim 20 wherein a length of the body is substantially greater than a width of the body.

37. (Original) The mounting system of claim 36 wherein the length of the body is at least 1 ft.

38. (Previously Presented) The mounting system of claim 20 wherein the coupler comprises a hinge that rotatably couples the body relative to the pole.

39. - 47. (Cancelled)

48. (Previously Presented) A curtain mounting system comprising:

a curtain;

a first curtain mount including a curtain coupler of a first length and a first adjustable-length pole, the curtain coupler configured to couple a first portion of the curtain at a first end of the first adjustable-length pole; and

a second curtain mount, comprising:

a second adjustable-length pole;

an elongated body having a longitudinal axis, the elongated body of a second length substantially greater than the first length of the curtain coupler;

a curtain interface at an upper surface of the elongated body;
a coupler that couples the second adjustable-length pole to the elongated body so that the elongated body is rotatable relative to the second adjustable-length pole; and
a compression mechanism between the curtain interface and a base of the second adjustable-length pole opposite the curtain interface,
wherein the second adjustable-length pole is of a sufficient length to be fixed between a first surface of a room and a second surface of the room, the compression mechanism configured to urge the curtain interface toward one of the first surface and the second surface of the room when under compression between the first and second surfaces of the room to retain the second adjustable-length pole and the elongated body in a fixed position relative to the first and second surfaces of the room.

49. (Previously Presented) The curtain mounting system of claim 48 wherein the coupler limits lateral rotation of the elongated body relative to the second adjustable-length pole, while permitting rotation of the elongated body relative to the second adjustable-length pole in another direction of rotation.

50. (Previously Presented) The curtain mounting system of claim 48 wherein a coupling position of the coupler is adjustable over a range of positions relative to the longitudinal axis of the elongated body.

51. (Previously Presented) A mount comprising:
an elongated body having a longitudinal axis,
a curtain interface coupled to an upper surface of the body;
a coupler adapted for coupling the elongated body to a mounting member, the coupler including an interface adapted to receive the mounting member, a coupling position of the coupler being adjustable over a range of positions relative to the longitudinal axis of the body;
and

a mounting member comprising an adjustable-length pole, the body being rotatable relative to the mounting member, the mounting member including a compression mechanism along a longitudinal axis thereof, the mounting member being of a sufficient length to be fixed

between a first surface of a room and a second surface of the room, the compression mechanism configured to urge the curtain interface toward one of the first surface and the second surface of the room when under compression between the first and second surfaces of the room to retain the mounting member and body in a fixed position relative to the first and second surfaces of the room,

wherein the position of the coupler is determined according to indexed positions on the body.

52. (Previously Presented) A mounting system comprising:

an adjustable-length pole, the pole including a compression mechanism to allow for compression along a longitudinal axis thereof;

an elongated body having a longitudinal axis;

a curtain interface coupled to an upper surface of the body; and

a coupler for rotatably coupling the pole to the body, the coupler limiting lateral rotation of the body relative to the pole, while permitting rotation of the body relative to the pole in another direction of rotation,

wherein the adjustable-length pole is of a sufficient length to be fixed between a first surface of a room and a second surface of the room, the compression mechanism configured to urge the curtain interface toward one of the first surface and the second surface of the room when under compression between the first and second surfaces of the room to retain the adjustable-length pole and body in a fixed position relative to the first and second surfaces of the room, and

wherein the position of the coupler is determined according to indexed positions on the body.

53. (Previously Presented) The mounting system of claim 48 wherein the coupler rotatably couples the second adjustable-length pole to the body such that the longitudinal axis of the second adjustable-length pole is parallel to, or lies in, a rotational plane of the longitudinal axis of the body.

54. (Previously Presented) The mounting system of claim 48 wherein the coupler removably couples the second adjustable-length pole to the body.

55. (Previously Presented) The mounting system of claim 48 wherein the curtain interface comprises a compressible material.

56. (Previously Presented) The mounting system of claim 55 wherein the compressible material is one selected from the group of materials consisting of foam, polyurethane foam, extruded vinyl, and rubber strips.

57. (Previously Presented) The mounting system of claim 48 wherein the body comprises a rail.

58. (Previously Presented) The mounting system of claim 57 wherein the rail includes a U-shaped slot and wherein the curtain interface is mounted in the slot.

59. (Previously Presented) The mounting system of claim 57 wherein the rail comprises an extrusion.

60. (Previously Presented) The mounting system of claim 48 wherein the coupler is removably mountable to the body.

61. (Previously Presented) The mounting system of claim 60 wherein the coupler further includes quick-release arms that engage a feature on the body for removably mounting the coupler to the body.

62. (Previously Presented) The mounting system of claim 48 wherein the position of the coupler is adjustable relative to the longitudinal axis of the body.

63. (Previously Presented) The mounting system of claim 62 wherein the position of the coupler on the body can be adjusted variably.

64. (Previously Presented) The mounting system of claim 62 wherein the position of the coupler is determined according to indexed positions on the body.

65. (Previously Presented) The mounting system of claim 48 wherein the coupler includes a socket for receiving a ball joint of the second adjustable-length pole.

66. (Previously Presented) The mounting system of claim 65 wherein the coupler further includes a retainer for preventing lateral rotation of the body relative to the second adjustable-length pole.

67. (Previously Presented) The mounting system of claim 66 wherein the ball joint of the second adjustable-length pole further includes a flange having a flat surface for interfacing with the retainers for preventing horizontal pivot of the body about the second adjustable-length pole.

68. (Previously Presented) The mounting system of claim 48 wherein a length of the body is substantially greater than a width of the body.

69. (Previously Presented) The mounting system of claim 68 wherein the length of the body is at least 1 ft.

70. (Previously Presented) The mounting system of claim 48 wherein the coupler comprises a hinge that rotatably couples the body relative to the second adjustable-length pole.

71. (Previously Presented) The mounting system of claim 20 wherein the coupler is constructed and arranged so that an inward force applied to the quick-release handles causes the retention tabs to flex outward so the coupler can be mounted to the body and so that when the inward force is released, the coupler is secured to the body by the retention tabs.